

TOP SECRET

IDEA 0047-68

Copy 7 of 8

29 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of Mission C058C

1. General: Mission C058C was alerted on 14 March 1968. This was a round robin mission with launch and recovery from [redacted] on 16 March 1968. Mission pilot was [redacted]

Preplanned Mission Data:

Distance	1694 NM
Time to Landing	4+40 Hours
Mission Profile	Maximum Altitude
Take-off Fuel	1020 Gallons
Fuel Reserve at Hi Cone	150 Gallons

Targets: The route for this mission was planned to obtain photo coverage of high priority COMIREX targets in South China and along the Sino-DRV border. Based on the tracker readout, the pilot was 6 nautical miles right at the end of the third flight line. He overshot the turn and that along with increased cloud cover contributed to a track average of 5 nautical miles right on the fourth flight line. Due to Oscar Sierra Mark III activity up to this point, the pilot elected to avoid the Mengtzu area which eliminated flight lines 5 and 6. He attempted to resume course on flight line 7 but ended up flying this one from 5 to 7 nautical miles to the left. The remainder of the route was covered by clouds until entry into North Vietnam and Laos. The last flight line was flown successfully.

IDEALIST

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

**TOP SECRET
IDEALIST**

IDEA 0047-68
Page 2

2. Actual Mission Data: Take off was at [] as scheduled. Landing time was [] for a mission duration of 4+32.

25X1D
25X1D

a. Target Coverage:

(1) 26 COMIREX targets (11 priority I, 3 priority II and 12 other priority) were covered in China. Vietnam coverage included one priority I and one other priority. In Laos, two COMIREX targets were photographed. Photography of 30 COMIREX targets was obtained on this mission.

(2) In addition to coverage of COMIREX targets above, 58 bonus targets were photographed, for a grand total of 88 targets for mission C058C.

b. Weather in the target area was not as briefed. The forecast called for 1/8 to 4/8 cloud cover over the entire route. Actual weather encountered was as forecast on the western part of the route and to the north of Mengtzu and on the return from across the northern portion of North Vietnam []. Remaining weather over the area of interest varied between 4/8 and 8/8 undercast.

25X1A

3. Air Defense Reactions (ChiCom):

25X1D

**IDEALIST
TOP SECRET**

**TOP SECRET
IDEALIST**

**IDEA 0047-68
Page 3**

(1) The first sighting was a contrail estimated two or three miles behind the mission aircraft and 6 000 to 8 000 feet below. No overt action was taken nor was the actual aircraft seen. This occurred approximately 50 NM north of Mengtzu.

(2) The only other fighter observed was identified as a MIG-21 which was first observed as a contrail at the four o'clock position, 10 to 15 miles behind and closing at a 15 degree angle. It was momentarily lost when it passed through the contrail level and then picked up approximately 3 miles off to the right and 1,000 feet above

25X1D A left turn was made by the bogey after passing the Article by one or two miles and then it started a descent. No evasive action was taken. No hostile action was taken by the fighter. This fighter reaction took place about 50 NM south of Mengtzu while the Article was westbound along the Sino-DRV border.

25X1D

**TOP SECRET
IDEALIST**

IDEA 0047-68
Page 4

25X1A 6. Photo Analysis: Of the 88 targets photographed, 21 were rated good, 39 fair and the remaining 28 as poor. The IPIR submitted by [] considered the overall quality as good with 60% cloud cover. Degradation of the quality was attributed to obliquity, haze and/or cloud coverage. No camera discrepancies were reported.

7. Maintenance: Article 385 was flown on this mission. There were no aircraft general or flight instrument discrepancies.

25X1A 8. Communication: Radio and nav aids operation was satisfactory. [] was loud and clear but weak and unreadable on many of the signals []

SIGNED

25X1A []
Chief, IDEALIST Division, OSA

25X1A Attachments - 2
Route Overlay
Target Coverage

25X1A IDEA/OS [] ea (29 Mar 68)
Distrib []

- #1 - D/SA
- 2 - D/O/OSA
- 3 - SSD/RAD/OSA
- 4 - INTEL/OSA
- 5 - D/M/OSA
- 6 - IDEA/OSA
- 7 - RB/OSA
- 8 - Holdback

**IDEALIST
TOP SECRET**

25X1D

Approved For Release 2002/06/13 : CIA-RDP68B00724R000200090019-1

Approved For Release 2002/06/13 : CIA-RDP68B00724R000200090019-1

TARGET SUMMARY FOR C058CCHINA TARGETS

19 of 23 Programmed Targets covered
11 Priority I Targets covered
3 Priority II Targets covered
12 Other Priority Targets covered
50 Bonus Targets covered
0 SAM Sites covered
76 Total Targets covered

NORTH VIETNAM TARGETS

- 2 of 4 Programmed Targets covered
1 of 9 SSM targets covered
1 of 20 Priority I Targets covered
0 of 6 Priority II Targets covered
1 of 30 Other Priority Targets covered
3 of 56 North Vietnam Targets covered
7 Bonus Targets covered
0 SAM Sites covered (New; Occupied; ID only)
9 Total Targets covered

LAOS TARGETS

2 COMIREX Targets covered
1 Bonus Targets covered
3 Total Targets covered

<u>5</u>	AIRFIELDS
<u>28</u>	MILITARY AREAS
<u>3</u>	INDUSTRIES
<u>9</u>	BRIDGES
<u>5</u>	COMPLEXES
<u>9</u>	STORAGE AREAS
<u>3</u>	RAILROAD FACILITIES
<u>6</u>	RADAR SITES
<u>2</u>	HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS
<u>3</u>	NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITES

<u>898</u>	TRUCKS
<u>82</u>	ROLLING STOCK (RR)
<u>2</u>	MIG-21
<u>41</u>	MIG-15/17/19
<u>15</u>	ANTI-AIRCRAFT PIECES
<u>2</u>	UTILITY AIRCRAFT

PAGE I

TARGET COVERAGE FOR IDEALIST MISSION. C058C, 15 March 1968

CHINA TARGETS

25X1A

COMIREX NO.	INSTALLATION NAME (Pr.1)	PRO- GRAMMED	INTERPRET- ABILITY	REMARKS/WEATHER
1.	Meng Tzu Airfield, West	X	poor	clear
2.	Ping Yuan Chieh Airfield	X	good	scattered clouds
3.	Ching Hung Complex		poor	haze
4.	Kai Yuan - Hq 13th Army	X	fair	haze
5.	Kai Yuan Military Storage Area	X	poor	haze
6.	Ma Li Po Supply Depot	X	poor	scattered clouds
7.	Meng La Army Barracks, West	X	poor	haze
8.	Meng Tzu Army Barracks, South	X	poor	clear
9.	Mi Hu Army Barracks Complex	X	fair	clear
10.	Po Hsi Chieh Army Barracks	X	fair	clear
11.	Wen Shan Army Barracks, West	X	fair	clear
12.	Ho Kou Military Camp 25X1A	X		not covered
	(Priority II)			
	Kun-Ming/Wu-Chia-Pa A/F		poor	haze
	Chiang-Cheng Military Installation	X	fair	clear
	Niu Wo Pai Motor Parks	X	poor	haze
	Tsa-Ti-Pao Road Improvement	X		not covered
	Wu-Pu-Chieh Road Construction	X		not covered
	Ssu Mao to Meng Tzu Road U/C	X		not covered
	(Other Priority)			
	25X2		poor	clear
	Meng Pan Military Camp	X	poor	haze
	Meng Ni and Barracks, East	X	poor	haze
	Meng Tzu Military Activity	X	poor	haze
	Chin Ping Supply Depot N.W.	X	good	clear
	Wen Shan Supply Depot	X	fair	clear
	Yen-Shan Military Bks. and Stor. Area	X	fair	clear
	Chi Chieh Storage Depot		poor	haze
	Ta Tien Shan Ammo Depot N.W.		fair	scattered clouds
	Wen Shan Complex	X	fair	clear
	Kun-Ming Complex		poor	haze
	Kun-Ming Nuclear Storage Search		poor	haze

PAGE 2

TARGET COVERAGE FOR IDEALIST MISSION C058C, 15 Mar. 1968

CHINA TARGETS, continued

COORDINATES	INSTALLATION NAME	INTERPRET- ABILITY	REMARKS/WEATHER
	BONUS TARGETS, non-COMIREX		
1. 2320N10410E	Aircraft in flight	poor	scattered clouds
2. 2430N10240E	Aircraft in flight	fair	clear
3. 2322N10307E	Aircraft in flight	poor	clear
4. 2339N10423E	Truck Convoy	fair	scattered clouds
5. 2418N10325E	Vehicle activity	fair	clear
6. 2356N10311E	Rolling stock activity	fair	clear
7. 2335N10251E	Vehicle activity	fair	clear
8. 2413N10317E	Vehicle activity	fair	haze
9. 2346N10357E	Truck Convoy	fair	clear
10. 2300N10322E	Parked Trucks	poor	haze
11. 2420N10326E	Vehicle activity	fair	haze
12. 2301N10323E	Parked Trucks/Vehicles	poor	haze
13. 2337N10421E	Truck Convoy	good	scattered clouds
14. 2330N10416E	Truck Convoy	fair	scattered clouds
15. 2337N10249E	Chien-Shui Vehicle Park/Maint. New	fair	haze
16. 2247N10242E	Tung-Pei Highway Bridge (New)	good	clear
17. 2338N10250E	Chien-Shui Warehouse area (new)	fair	clear
18. 2338N10250E	Chien-Shui Storage Area (new)	fair	clear
19. 2246N10313E	Chin Ping Army Barracks, South	good	clear
20. 2322N10309E	Ko Chiu Government Control Center	fair	clear
21. 2245N10314E	Chin Ping Radar Site NEW	good	clear
22. 2130N10133E	Meng La Barracks N.W. (New)	poor	haze
23. 2130N10133E	Meng La Barracks and Storage Area (new)	poor	haze
24. 2238N10351E	Nan-Chi RR Yard (new)	fair	clear
25. 2400N10338E	Chiang Pien Chieh HPP	good	clear
26. 2124N10122E	Meng Peng HPP (New)	fair	clear
27. 2245N10150E	Ching Cheng Possible radar site	good	clear
28. 2125N10120E	Meng Peng Highway Bridge S.E.	fair	clear
29. 2425N10326E	Mi-Lo Storage Area (new)	fair	haze
30. 2335N10330E	Aircraft in flight	good	clear
31. 2300N10400E	Aircraft in flight	poor	clear
32. 2335N10420E	Yen-Shan Possible AW Radar Facility	fair	clear
33. 2131N10130E	Meng-La AW Radar Facility (New)	fair	clear

CHINA TARGETS, Continued

Approved For Release 2002/06/13 : CIA-RDP68B00724R000200090019-1

Approved For Release 2002/06/13 : CIA-RDP68B00724R000200090019-1